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PROGRESS IN MARYLAND.

Democratic Mayor Appoints a Leading Colored Republican to an Important Place.

Minister Powell in the Oriole City—An Afro-American Insurance Company Making Rapid Progress—A Glance at the Social Mirror.

Baltimore, Md., Special—For the first time in the history of Baltimore, a colored man was appointed last Monday to represent the city on a municipal board and the appointment came from a democratic mayor and was made upon the recommendation of a colored republican member of the city council. Hon. Harry S. Cummings who was the first colored man to be elected to office in Baltimore, had conferred upon him the additional honor of being the first colored man to be appointed by the mayor upon the board of managers of Cheltenham House of Reformation. The appointment was made upon the recommendation of Councilman Hiram Watty. Mr. Cummings was also highly endorsed for the position by City Comptroller James H. Smith and City Register Numsen, both democratic officials and with both of whom Mr. Cummings served in former years in the council. The position is an honorary one and will afford many opportunities for useful service in behalf of the 260 young colored boys confined at the Reformatory.

Nothing but the highest praise is being accorded Prof. Hugh M. Brown, principal of the Colored High School and his able corps of assistants. They have won the confidence of both students and patrons of the school and a ready marked improvement is seen over the old order of things.

Hon. Wm. F. Powell, United States Minister to Hayti paid a short visit to the city on Saturday. He called upon Mayor Hayes in company with Councilman Watty and was given a cordial reception. In speaking to representatives of the press the Mayor said: "Minister Powell is a most distinguished representative of his race, he is refined, cultured and most interesting and intelligent conversationalist." Minister Powell was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Armstrong. Mrs. Powell being a sister of Mrs. Armstrong. Minister Powell held quite a reception at the office of Lawyer Cummings where he met a number of representative colored men, and spoke interestingly of Hayti, its people and its prospects.

Misses Ida R. Cummings, Hattie Johnson, and Mamie Laney, have been

MEN OF THE HOUR.



DR. J. R. FRANCIS,
Washington, District of Columbia.

appointed as kindergarten teachers in the public schools.

Bishop and Mrs. James A. Handy bade good bye last week to their many friends. They have gone to Jacksonville, Fla. where the Bishop holds his conferences. They will be away until spring.

The American Protective Association incorporated in Richmond has opened a branch office in Baltimore and is doing a successful business. It is the only colored organization of its kind doing business here and bids fair to achieve great success. Rev. F. Williams, pastor of Perkins Square Baptist church is vice president of the company. Mr. Charles N. Jones, one of Baltimore's most popular young men is secretary. Mr. Felix Pye, one of the leading undertakers is treasurer and Lawyer Harry S. Cummings is attorney.

Mr. Cabell Calloway, Jr., the young real estate broker is doing quite a rushing business.

Among the younger caterers Mr. Louis A. Butler is decidedly the leader. His dates for the winter season are

well filled with events of much promise to come off among Baltimore's wealthiest citizens.

Lawyer Cummings will visit Chicago the latter part of the month on business.

Mr. Wm. E. Tilghman was re-elected Grand Master of the State by the Grand Lodge of Masons.

The Weldon Social and Stock Association have concluded arrangements for the purchase of a large and commodious house on Druid Hill Ave. and they hope to open their doors before the Christmas holidays.

At the Monumental Literary on Friday evening Rev. Dr. J. Albert Johnson read an able and interesting paper upon the subject "Eminent Colored Marylanders."

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Who Can Give us Information?

Mr. Daniel Murray wishes to receive any information confirmatory of Judge Mackey's statement that Henry Timrod, the greatest poet the South has produced was an octoroon. Also any information of the same character that Alexander Hamilton was an octoroon.

AN EMINENT SURGEON.

Success the Reward of Perseverance, Pluck and Industry.

The Career of Dr. John R. Francis Whose Skill as a Physician and Surgeon Places Him in the Very Front Rank of his Profession.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Washington, who has achieved signal success in the practice of his profession in the community where his boyhood days were spent. His professional studies were preceded by an academic course at the Wesleyan Academy in Wilbraham, Mass., from which academy he graduated in 1875. He spent the two succeeding years in the Howard University Medical Department in this city, after which he entered the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, from which he graduated in 1878. From that time until now he has steadily and loyally devoted his time to the practice of his profession with consummate ability and splendid success. His skill and ability as a physician and surgeon were given recognition in a public way in April 1894, when the Honorable Secretary of the Interior appointed him Assistant Surgeon-in-Chief of Freedmen's Hospital, this city, which position he resigned in June, 1895. In April 1894 he established, at 2118 Pennsylvania avenue, a splendidly equipped sanitarium for the accommodation of all patients without distinction as to race, which institution is the first of its kind to be established in this city by a colored physician. The sanitarium is still in operation, and its success marks a distinct mile stone in the progress made by the colored physicians of Washington. While constantly busy in the discharge of his professional duties, Dr. Francis has still found some time to devote to the other interests of the community, and has contributed something of substantial worth to the educational, business and social interests of the city.

He served on the District Board where his administration was marked by discretion and ability. His large property interests indicate his thrift and enterprise as a business man. In 1881 he married Miss Bettie G. Cox whose tactful intelligence and amiable character have signally aided her husband in his successful career. They have a charming home at 2112 Pennsylvania avenue, northwest and contribute much to the social life of the community.